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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 22

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

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February 21, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 22, as amended, Dickinson. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of March 11, 2013, through March 15, 2013, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The week of March 11, 2013, through March 15,
- 2 2013, has been declared Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in

1 recognition of the importance of finding the cause and cure for
2 multiple sclerosis and to express appreciation to the National
3 Multiple Sclerosis Society and its California chapters; and

4 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
5 central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans
6 across the country, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each
7 week nationwide; and

8 WHEREAS, The California chapters of the National Multiple
9 Sclerosis Society report that more than 40,000 people in California
10 are affected by this devastating disease. Throughout the years, the
11 California chapters have been committed to heightening public
12 knowledge and insight and are currently planning several major
13 statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise awareness
14 about the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

15 WHEREAS, Twice as many women as men have multiple
16 sclerosis and most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50,
17 and while studies indicate genetic factors make certain individuals
18 more susceptible than others, there is no evidence that multiple
19 sclerosis is directly inherited; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded
21 in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with
22 multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional education
23 programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization in the
24 world. Through its home office in New York and its 50-state
25 network of chapters, the society services more than one million
26 people annually; and

27 WHEREAS, The society is the largest private supporter of
28 multiple sclerosis research in the world, and for more than 55 years
29 it has funded innovative research and advocated for government
30 support of important scientific inquiries; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring*, That March 11, 2013, through March 15, 2013,
33 is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and that the residents of
34 the State of California should be encouraged to join together in
35 raising awareness and heightening public knowledge of this
36 debilitating disease; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
38 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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